(b) what are the reasons for the unspent allocation, year-wise; and

(c) whether any effort has been made by the Ministry to find way to spent the full amount in future and to overcome existing difficulties in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The details of funds allocated to the Defence Services and the amount spent there against during each of the three years are as under:

(8s. in crores)

	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2002-2003	65,000	56,000	55,661.83
2003-2004	65,300	60,300	60,065.80
2004-2005	77,000	77,000	75,835.14*

*Provisional, accounts not yet closed.

(b) the reasons for not utilizing the allocated funds are given in the Appropriation Accounts (Defence Services) for the respective years, laid on the Table of the House.

(c) In order to fully utilize the allocated funds, the status of various procurement processes and the progress of defence expenditure are kept under constant review and follow up action, as necessary, is taken. In order to address the issues of greater transparency and cutting down delays in procurement, the procedures for procurement have been reviewed. A revised Defence Procurement Procedure 2005 for Capital acquisition and Defence Procurement Manual 2005 for Revenue Stores have been promulgated.

Espionage by Defence personnel

3013. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the act of espionage and passing on defence classified papers by security personnel has increased in the recent days;

(b) whether a corporal of Air Force was found with important defence papers of strategic importance near China border and there was massive leakage of information in the Navy;

(c) the details of (a) and (b);

(d) whether any special instructions have been issued to Armed Forces following these incidents, by MoD; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) There is no indication of increase in acts of espionage and passing of defence classified papers by defence personnel. However, a retired Air force Sergeant was apprehended for indulging in espionage activities, recently. A case of unauthorised access to information was also reported from the Navy. Instructions already exist on security of information, personnel and material and these are modified and reiterated from time to time.

Commissioning of INS Kadamba

3014. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INS Kadamba has been commissioned recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the original cost of INS Kadamba when it was first conceptualised in 1986; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in completing this project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INS Kadamba, which is the Depot ship of the new Naval Base at Karwar was commissioned on 31st May 2005.

(c) The original cost of the Karwar Naval Base Project, which included INS Kadamba, was Rs. 350 crores when it was first conceptualized in 1986.